

Appl. No. 10/084,098
Reply to Office action of November 13, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a result of this Amendment, claims 2 and 6 are under active consideration in the subject patent application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has:

(1) rejected claim 2 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,318,611, and stated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), may be used to overcome this rejection;

(2) objected to claim 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicating that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and

(3) stated that Applicant's previously submitted arguments have been considered, but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

With regard to Item 1, a Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent is attached to this response and is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). The Terminal Disclaimer has been signed by an Attorney of Record in the case. U.S. Patent No. 6,318,611, and the present application Serial No. 10/084,098, are commonly owned by David P. Alexander. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees required in connection with the Terminal Disclaimer, namely \$55.00, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. Accordingly, Applicant requests entry of the Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection, and allowance of claim 2.

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With regard to Item 2, with the entry of the Terminal Disclaimer, and the rejection based upon the doctrine of double patenting of claim 2 lifted, claim 6 is allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's objection to claim 6 are requested.

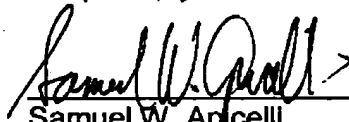
With regard to Item 3, claim 1 was cancelled in the previous amendment filed on September 4, 2003. No further comment appears necessary.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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